

Manning Decries Divorce Of Duchess of Marlborough

"Amazing and incredible," is Bishop Manning's view of the report that the Catholic Church's Tribunal of the Rota at the Vatican has annulled the marriage of the Duke of Marlborough to the former Consuelo Vanderbilt, who is now Mrs. Jacques Balsan of Paris. The decree has been granted by the Catholic Diocesan Court at Southwark, England, where Mrs. Balsan brought the action last July, but the ratification at Rome has just been announced.

Bishop Manning, in his sermon at the dedication of the tower at

St. James's Episcopal Church, 71st Street and Madison Avenue, said that "we have all been startled by the report."

"This report is so amazing and incredible," he said, "the action is so serious, and

Bishop Manning its implications are so far reaching that while I know that a statement will be expected from me as bishop of the diocese in which the marriage took place, and I expect to make such a statement in due course, I am waiting for some fuller information in regard to the matter."

He said he is awaiting information from Rome.

The marriage which has just been annulled took place in St. Thomas's Episcopal Church, in 5th Avenue, in 1895. Both the Duke of Marlborough and Mrs. Balsan are Protestants.

How the young Consuelo Vanderbilt, back in 1895, was forced to forsake the young man she really loved and go to the altar as the unwilling bride of the Duke of Marlborough, a sacrifice to her mother's desire for a brilliant marriage for her daughter, is revealed for the first time through the annulment.

Prevented from meeting or corresponding with her real choice, whose identity has not been made known, the records of the diocesan court that first heard the case show, Consuelo Vanderbilt finally broke under her mother's pressure and, loving the other man, married the duke. Her mother admitted all this before the court, and the annulment thus was granted on the grounds of "violence," which includes such cases of coercion.

Other prominent clergymen approached for their views on the matter evinced a desire to have more details of the Catholic Church's action before commenting for publication.

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